

1                                   **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85**

2            (By Senators Beach, Plymale, Wells, Browning, Edgell, Foster,  
3                                   Laird, Stollings, Tucker, Unger, and Boley)  
4                                   [Originating in the Committee on Education]  
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6    Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance conduct a  
7            study of multiple topics all related to teacher salaries;  
8            including salary linking, formulas and caps, and analyzing the  
9            language limitations of school levies.

10           Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the need provide adequate  
11           and fair salaries for delivery of public education; and

12           Whereas, the disparity between teacher salaries and the  
13           salaries of the State Superintendent, county superintendents, and  
14           central office employees has not been analyzed in the past; and

15           Whereas, it is found that, currently, levy monies may be used  
16           to pay employees outside of a levy's original intention; and

17           Whereas, the misdirection of funds can be prevented with  
18           appropriate legislation; therefore, be it

19           *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

20           That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is  
21           requested to conduct a study of multiple topics all related to  
22           teacher salaries, including salary linking, formulas and caps, and

1 analyzing the language limitations of school levies; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and  
3 Finance is hereby requested to study the following:

4 (1)The possible need of establishing a formula or ratio that  
5 ties classroom teachers' salaries to that of central office  
6 employees;

7 (2) The disparity between teacher salaries and the salaries of  
8 the State Superintendent and school board superintendents in the  
9 State of West Virginia. The study should consider the potential of  
10 salary caps, salary formulas and linking further salary increases  
11 for superintendents to teacher salaries; and

12 (3)The language limitations of school levies; and, be it

13 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and  
14 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on  
15 its findings, conclusions and recommendations; and, be it

16 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this  
17 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be  
18 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on  
19 Government and Finance.